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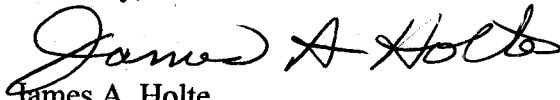
Dear Ms. Snyder:

I am writing regarding the proposed admendment to the Beef Promotion and Research Order that would include an exemption for organic beef from assessments.

As a beef producer and as Past President of the Wisconsin Beef Council I would like to indicate my opposition to the mentioned exemption. Many people in Wisconsin, and around the country, have worked long and hard to carry out the goals many of us have to promote beef and beef products. This proposal will make our job more difficult and less fair to all beef producers. All producers benefit as we create and improve demand for beef through our multiple programs of education, research and promotion. Our compliance efforts would be made more difficult, therefore disadvantaging the many producers who do support our efforts.

I ask you to deny or substantially alter this proposal to eliminate this proposed exemption.

Sincerely,



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